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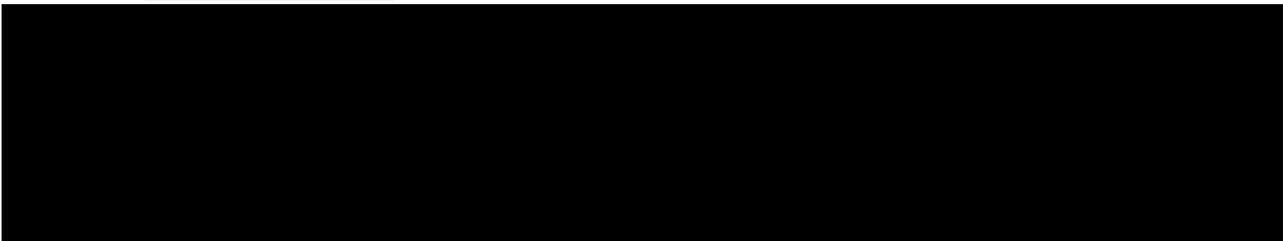
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Below are statements made in late November 1946 by a leader of the Partido Galleguista (Galician autonomist party) in Spain. Some are of a general nature on the political atmosphere in the interior and, it is believed, are shared by a fair number of anti-Franco Spaniards. The second half of the report concerns the Partido Galleguista and is indicative in a measure of Galician nationalist aspirations.

General Comments

1. In Spain, there is unanimity on two things: the desire to oust Franco and his satellites and exasperation with republican personalities in exile. The bitterness against the trio supporting Franco - the Army, the ecclesiastical hierarchy and the Falange, which are united by the fear of losing what they have gained - is equalled by that against the trio formed by Giral, Prieto and Negrin, who are at loggerheads in spite of all that they have to lose by disunity. Each group is blamed, for different reasons, for the deprivations suffered in Spain. If the Spanish people can free themselves from the first, they do not want to fall into the hands of the second.
2. The first proceeds on its way, surrounded by a youth group which is uneducated and overwhelmingly Nazi in ideology, prolonging with Anglo-Saxon support the situation which began in 1936. The reality of British intervention in Spain, viewed from the interior, is beyond doubt. It has two aspects, the apparent one, which is to dispose once and for all of fascist methods and procedures, and the less obvious one, which is to import from Spain the things that are most needed by the Spanish people, contributing to the growth of famine with a frightening callousness, since the English masses are eating better than before. The people are powerless in the face of this situation, since there is no human force in the interior capable of overthrowing Franco.
3. The second trio let its opportunity go by, with negligent and unpardonable stupidity, by not forming a government of unity while it could. The intrigues of the exiles are so tortuous and their isolation from the interior so complete that it is only to be expected that they find themselves at an impasse.
4. The Franco ship will leave in its wake deep-seated enmities which will be difficult to eradicate. No one can say when it will be wrecked. However it can be said positively that as soon as there is liberty, the coming political battle in the republican sphere will devolve around three great

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centers: communist-socialism, rightist-socialism and autonomism or nationalism.

The Partido Galeguista

5. In the interior, the Partido Galeguista has advanced and grown strong during the past ten years. It was the first force which awakened in Galicia after the Civil War and today is the best disciplined group in the region. It deals with other anti-Franco organizations in Galicia without making alliances with them and remains faithful to the Galeuzca pact. Galicians inside Spain observe with regret that the Partido Galeguista is not organized abroad.
6. The party in Spain was responsible to a great extent for the nomination of Alfonso Rodriguez Castelao, instead of a representative from the interior, as Galician Minister in the Spanish Republican Government-in-Exile. The party was disappointed at Castelao's failure to advise the executive committee immediately after his arrival in France of his future plans. The political secretary of the party went to France to urge his appointment and it was he who proposed Castelao for the post. Unfortunately, this trip of the political secretary resulted in his ultimate arrest and that of two other leaders of the party. These men remain in the prison of Alcala de Henares, where they secretly hold classes on the Galician language and are endeavoring to interest their fellow prisoners in the cause of Galician autonomy. They are to be transferred to Carabanchel.
7. Although Castelao as minister represents all Galicians, he should not forget that he is indebted to the Partido Galeguista for his nomination. The following resolutions relating to the future activities of Castelao were passed by the executive committee of the party and transmitted to the minister:
 - a. The minister should accept the authority of the executive committee and give an account of his activities to it.
 - b. He should exert every effort to obtain from the Galicians in America economic means for the expansion of the party and for aid to its imprisoned members.
 - c. He should study the means for organizing in Paris a delegation of the party to direct Galician policy in exile.
8. The executive committee strongly urged that Castelao work jointly with Juan Jose Pla on all Galician matters, and especially in the establishment of a delegation of the party abroad. Pla and Isolina Rocha were the first Galicians in exile to recognize the authority of the executive committee in Spain, and today they work in accord with the aims and directives of the party.
9. Shortly after the nomination of Castelao, a campaign against the party was undertaken from Madrid by the national committee of the Izquierda Republicana headed by Ramon Arino. A report was sent to Paris by this group stating that the strongest anti-Franco organization in Galicia was its own, that the appointment of a Galician minister was unjustified and that the Partido Galeguista was extinct. Among the leaders of this Izquierda group are Gomez Paracho and a native of Pontevedra, Ramon Fernandez Cortes. These two persons are disliked in Galicia and the group itself has no standing.

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